

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

09/469,505

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Christian La Forgia

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 21 September 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-29.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
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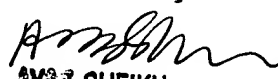
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

  
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### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. The amendment of 21 September 2005 has been noted and made of record.
2. Claims 1-29 have been presented for examination.

#### ***Response to Arguments***

3. Applicant's arguments, see pages 8 and 9, filed 21 September 2005, with respect to claims 1-29 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 1-29 has been withdrawn, since the Applicant has declared on page 8 that the applied reference is the Applicant's own work. See MPEP 2132.01; see *In re Katz*, 687 F.2d 450, 215 USPQ 14 (CCPA 1982).

#### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

4. Claims 1-29 are allowed.
5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
6. As per claims 1-29, it is well known in the art to detect and track a denial-of-service attack on a computer network.
7. However, there are no teachings in the prior art of using an overlay network to track any type of attack. Since no teachings or motivation can be found of using an overlay network to track any type of attack, claims 1-29 are therefore novel and non-obvious.
8. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

*Conclusion*

9. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

10. The following patents are cited to further show the state of the art with respect to overlay networks at the time the invention was made, such as:

United States Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0135468 to Barbir et al., which is cited to show the state of overlay networks at the time of the invention.

United States Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0032871 to Malan et al., which is cited to show detecting, tracking, and blocking denial of service attacks on a computer network.

11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christian La Forgia whose telephone number is (571) 272-3792. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Thursday 7-5.

12. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz Sheikh can be reached on (571) 272-3795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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